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BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 29, 1896.*

* * * I have the honor to report that Bocas del Toro is free from all contagious or infectious diseases.

I visited Colon, United States of Colombia, on the 18th instant and made diligent inquiry as to existing health conditions, and there are no contagious or infectious diseases there.

Very respectfully,

W. B. BONSTALL, M. D.,
Medical Officer.

CHINA.

The bubonic plague in Canton.

Under date of May 12, 1896, the United States consul at Canton reports that the bubonic plague has appeared in various parts of Canton and moves about from one portion of the city to another with varying fatality. No records or statistics are available. The plague is not so virulent or severe as in 1894, when it was estimated that 120,000 Chinese died of it between March 1 and August 31. It has appeared in some interior localities of this province, and is prevailing in Hong-kong.

CUBA.

Sanitary reports from Santiago—Smallpox increasing.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *May 30, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor of submitting the following report on the sanitary condition of Santiago de Cuba for the week ended May 30:

The number of deaths has been 58, of which 7 were from smallpox, 2 from yellow fever, 8 from remittent fever, 5 from pernicious fever, 4 from dysentery, 3 from tuberculosis, 10 from enteritis, and the rest from noncontagious diseases. Variola is on the increase, and there are now over 100 cases known under treatment. Yellow fever continues the same as last week, while dysentery and intestinal diseases increase greatly.

The following vessels have been inspected and bills of health issued to them: May 22, British steamship *Earnford*, for Baltimore; American steamship *Santiago*, for New York (visé); Greek steamship *Marfieltis Ralli*, for Philadelphia. May 23, British steamship *Earnwood*, for Philadelphia. May 25, Spanish steamship *Panama* (visé), for New York. May 27, British steamship *Mameluke*, for Philadelphia. May 28, Belgium steamship *Sagamore*, for Philadelphia. May 29, British steamship *Earn-dale*, for Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

HENRY S. CAMINERO,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *June 6, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor of submitting the following report on the sanitary condition of Santiago de Cuba for the week ended June 6. The mortality for this period has increased to an alarming figure, the records showing 94 deaths—of these, 32 were from smallpox, 2 from yellow fever, 18 from bilious remittent fever, 8 from pernicious fever, 12 from enteritis, 4 from tuberculosis, and the rest from common diseases of noncontagious character.

Smallpox is raging epidemically, and the cases which can be numbered by hundreds are increasing daily. There are no precautions taken to keep the sick isolated, and wakes over the corpses are of daily occurrence.